

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 1, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman James J. Eardley at 4:00 p.m. on June 1, 2010, in the Commission Chambers, Washington County Administration Building, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Commission Chairman James J. Eardley, Commissioner Dennis Drake, Deputy County Attorney Rachelle Ehlert, County Administrator Dean Cox, and Deputy County Clerk Christine Hall.

Commissioner Alan D. Gardner was excused.

The Spectrum was not represented at the meeting.

Commissioner Eardley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting routine matters which come before the Commission for approval. The Consent Portion of the agenda is approved by one (1) non-debatable motion. If any Commissioner wishes to remove an item from the Consent Portion of the agenda, then that item becomes the first order of business on the regular agenda.

- Consideration of Auditor Approved Claims for Payment from May 19, 2010 through June 1, 2010
- Consideration of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2010
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property (attached)
- Consideration of Applications for Settlement or Deferral of Property Taxes: Angela Bair/Tom Harward, S/N SG-SPV-1-6-L680; William Robert, S/N SG-5-2-20-1410; Shefco Ltd, S/N SG-SCF-6-605; Shefco Ltd, S/N SG-BOU-3-74; Daniel & Julia Smallcanyon, S/N LV-CKN-6; Gary Tooke, S/N SG-SPT-1-1; Carol Wesbo/Nordell Weeks, S/N SG-SPV-1-5-M612; Sheila Wilson/John Ciardi/Terry Marten, S/N 8234; Zion Winds/Will Adams, S/N T-3-0-3211
- Consideration of Applications for Property Tax Abatement: David Baker, S/N 0410095; Henricus Blatter, S/N W-HOW-2-30; Phelan Butler, S/N WHS-59-SW; Catherine Connick, S/N SG-SUR-1-1B-101-A; Barbara Dee, S/N SG-SUR-15-989; Howard Hallman, S/N SG-CARC-B-242; Charles McConkie, S/N LV-MVS-15; Jack Robinson, S/N SG-CSH-12; Joseph Rondo, S/N SG-SV-1-22; and David Timmons, S/N SG-TSH-1-24
- Consideration of Approval of Renewal of Contract with State of Utah for Bailiff and Security Services at the Fifth District and Juvenile Courts in Washington County

ACTIONS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION: 05-25-10

Conditional Use Permit: Request permission to hold the annual Founder's Day Celebration at Old Fort Harmony, approximately 3 miles east of New Harmony. L. Karen Platt, applicant.

A Fort Harmony Historical Society representative asked for review of a use that was withdrawn several years ago. This event had been held for several years within New Harmony Town; in 2006, the pageant was held at the Old Fort Harmony site. These types of events are conditionally approved. This event is known as "Fort Harmony Days" and is scheduled for Saturday, June 19, 2010, to have pioneer events to celebrate the founding of Harmony Valley. Parking will be available along Old Hwy 144 and the newly improved 2900 East (Schmutz Lane). Visitors will be able to utilize the library restrooms. Tables will probably be set up on the library parking lot for the barbeque. The planner showed the site plan and aerial photo of the location during the screen presentation. Mrs. Platt indicated they have cleaned up the Fort site and would cut back weeds and grass to avoid any potential fire situation by having the barbeque at this location. The Planning Commission voted 6-0 for approval.

Chairman Eardley asked Clerk/Auditor Kim M. Hafen whether those people requesting tax deferrals have made their initial payments, and Mr. Hafen replied that they have.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley and Drake voting aye.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH / LINDA SAPPINGTON

No presentations were made today.

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE / CORY PULSIPHER

No report was made today.

PURCHASE REQUESTS / MARK BLANCH:

No purchases were discussed today.

**PRESENTATION OF BUSINESS PATRIOT AWARDS: ROGER WOOD
ELECTRIC CORP.**

No representative from Roger Wood Electric Corp. was present to receive this award. Commissioner Drake said that the Commission is preparing a Resolution for consideration at its next meeting, on June 15, 2010, concerning the illegal immigration issue.

**RECOGNITION OF IN-LIEU-OF-TAXES PAYMENT OF \$112.20 FROM UTAH
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF WILDLIFE
RESOURCES**

This item concerns a check in the amount of one hundred twelve dollars and twenty cents (\$112.20) from the Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife Resources, receipt of which should be noted in the official record.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Accept In-Lieu-of-Taxes Payment of \$112.20 from Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife Resources. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley and Drake voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2010-1453, A RESOLUTION
APPOINTING CASEY LOFTHOUSE AS THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BEE
INSPECTOR AND APPROVING AN APIARY INSPECTOR AGREEMENT
BETWEEN CASEY LOFTHOUSE AND WASHINGTON COUNTY**

Chairman Eardley said that the bee inspector position has been vacant for some time, and it is an important job, especially given the discovery of Africanized bees in Washington County. Mr. Lofthouse said that many large bee operations artificially inseminate their bees to produce certain desirable traits: less aggressive, more productive, and resistant to pests and disease. Fire departments and police departments keep a list of beekeepers who can be called in the event of a problem.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Adopt Resolution No. R-2010-1453, A Resolution Appointing Casey Lofthouse As The Washington County Bee Inspector And Approving An Apiary Inspector Agreement Between Casey Lofthouse And Washington County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley and Drake voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2010-1454, A RESOLUTION TO
DISCONTINUE THE PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED SERVICES OF SEWER
AND WATER BY THE PINE VALLEY SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT**

This service has never been funded in Pine Valley and is being assumed by other entities from now on, so it is no longer necessary.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Adopt Resolution No. R-2010-1454, A Resolution To Discontinue The Previously Authorized Services Of Sewer And Water By The Pine Valley Special Service District. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF POLL WORKERS FOR THE 2010 ELECTION CYCLE / MELANIE ABPLANALP

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Approve Poll Workers For the 2010 Election Cycle, as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley and Drake voting aye.

PUBLIC WORKS OR ROAD BUSINESS

Public Works Director Ron Whitehead updated the Commission on several projects in progress:

- His department is meeting on Thursday, June 3rd, with property owners in New Harmony who live along the drainage channels that were affected by the fire last fall to ensure that proper easements are in place to continue the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) work in that area. Some property owners prefer to clear out the drainage channels themselves rather than have the Road Department do it, but that changes the scope of the project significantly. Homeowners feel more secure now that the snow is melting off the mountain, but Mr. Whitehead reminds them that there is still a danger of flooding from a summer thunderstorm.
- The Road crew has suspended its work on the Slaughter Creek/General Steam Road pending the arrival of a Forest Service employee to certify that it is ready for completion.
- Currently the Road Department is working on Old Highway 91 from Ivins to the Gunlock turnoff, patching and leveling the highway to prepare it for the chip and seal process which will begin the week of June 22nd. The public should be aware that work will be going on at that time and that alternate routes might be a good idea.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUSINESS

County Administrator Dean Cox mentioned that the Debt Review Committee met last week, reviewed three (3) applications for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

(ARRA) funding: (1) Washington County, for the new Justice Center; (2) the City of Ivins, for improvements in the old town section; (3) and Parke Cox Trucking. The County Attorney's Office is preparing resolutions for those applications which will be considered at the next meeting.

Request an Executive Session

None.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

CHRISTINE S. HALL
DEPUTY CLERK

JAMES J. EARDLEY
CHAIRMAN